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FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
God meets us in our fear

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022 at 10:30am
in Person & on Zoom

Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

We are a reformed, multicultural, politically purple, community of followers of Jesus. Together we seek to vigorously live our faith in our words, actions, and relationships in the East Bay.

In this time of disruption and new normal we gather hybrid-ly (both in person and via Zoom). *This is our new normal.*

It allows us to gather together and be consistent with our values and commitments.

We ask that you wear a mask during worship as some of our community (our children in particular) have high health risks.

CHILDREN

We've reconfigured out how to do our Godly Play program for children via Zoom. We meet 9:30-10am on Sundays via Zoom. Info in the announcements on the back.

HYBRID WORSHIP

We do our Sunday Gatherings hybrid style - both in person and online for those that prefer that option. We're seeking to do that, using Zoom, to affirm our value of participation and collaboration in our gatherings.

PRAYER CARDS

To operationalize participation in our Prayers of the People we invite you to fill out a prayer card and share it with the liturgist or to share you requests in the chat on ZOOM labeling it with 'prayer.'

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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD BOTH IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

PRELUDE "Now The Heavens Start To Whisper"

GATHERING SONG "O Lord How Shall I Meet You" - *Glory To God #104*

CALL TO WORSHIP LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

SONG OF PRAISE "The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came" - *Blue Hymnal #16*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY :: The Ministry of the Deacons Among Us

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 1:26-38 - *Louise Hirschman*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Fear & Wonder" - *Monte McClain*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming" - *Glory to God # 129*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Myrna Shadley*
WE USE A CALL AND RESPONSE LITURGICALLY PRAYED AT THE CONCLUSION OF SHARING A PRAYER.

Leader: God, in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayer.**

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

COMMUNION - BEING NOURISHED IN OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

OFFERING SONG "No Wind At The Window" - *Glory to God # 101*

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG "Come Now O Prince of Peace" - *Glory to God # 103*

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good! Leader: And all the time!
People: All the time! People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD "Мир Христа"(Ukrainian) [Mwir Khrysta]

POSTLUDE "It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year"

Reflections on Today's Readings Isaiah 11:1-10 & Luke 1:26-38

Today's scripture from Luke is one of the most painted scenes from the Bible. It's a scene that starts with the angel saying "don't be afraid" and then ends with Mary deep in fierce wonder at what God is doing. Those strong feelings of fear and wonder don't often seem to be captured in the representations of this encounter at the root of the Christmas story.



Our selected reading of Isaiah 11 connects to this announcement of a baby to come who will be named Jesus – which in Hebrew means either “The Lord will Save you” or “The Lord has heard your cry for help.” Isaiah paints the picture of a ruler to come compared to a branch sprouting from a chopped down tree. It's new life from death, hope from despair, light in the darkness. The reign and kingdom of this ruler, who will continue the royal line of the great King David is best portrayed with the image of animals lounging together who would usually be hunting and devouring one another. It's another image of life springing forth from what we usually imagine as despair and death.



A friend, Scott Erickson, paints this announcement of the birth of Jesus blooming from the root of Jesse as the lighting of a match that will change everything. The coming of the Messiah makes things new by destroying death and dismantling injustice. The birth of this Christ-child is like a match being lit to start a revolutionary fire that will burn everything down, purify the old, enliven the exhausted and spent. It's the promise that in a world of

fear and suspicion, it will be wonder and awe at God's purpose that will populate the universe.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in this text?
- How do you imagine the birth of the Christ child as the lighting of a revolutionary match? How do you long for such energizing and purifying fire in your life or our world today?
- What invitation to act, speak, be(come), or change do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you – or to us in this text?

Discover more of the art & liturgical work of Scott Erickson with this QR Code



December Birthdays

1 Barbara Epstein-Eagle	Megan Beatty
2 Annette Laverty	8 Taylor Beatty 2008
8 Cristina Ramirez-Fonua	9 Laura LaMotte
13 Lane Stahl	14 Fredora Darmstadt
15 Janet Majors	31 Giannele Beatty 2011

Weekly Calendar

Post Service Garden Party! Join us for light snacks and the chance to connect after our service.

Letters of Love– Everyone loves getting mail! Pick up an addressed envelope in the back and write a note of encouragement and love to someone who could use a good word. Recipients and their situations are explained on the magnetic board.

Community Bible Study (Wrestling with Scripture) We meet for discussion around the text for the week on Tuesdays at 7p on Zoom.



Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6:00-7:00PM.

Help us respond to the hungers of Oakland by signing up online to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up – this -or any Friday! Capcoakland.org/ or use this QR Code



Women's Group Saturday 9:30-10:30am on Zoom. Contact Anne Marie Adams for info.

Godly Play Sundays 9:30-10am on Zoom – our Montessori-approach to Sunday School!

SING JAM :: SingJam Holiday Jam-a-ganza - Sun., Dec 11, 4:00 pm here in the sanctuary

Winter Solstice Labyrinth Walk: Wednesday, December 21 at Sunset (5-7pm) A chance to mark the longest night of the year – the return of the light by walking the labyrinth by candlelight.

Christmas Eve Celebration: Dec 24th at 7:00pm – candles, carols, chocolate & an instant pageant.

There is no church service on Sunday, Dec 25th.

Magi Fun for Littler Ones: The 3 magi are traveling around the sanctuary on the way to Bethlehem. If you find them tell Monte to get a prize!

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Godly Play: Beth Beatty

Liturgist: Louise Hirschman

Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Ben Kramarz, Roger Kim

Prayer Liturgist: Myrna Shadley

Video Tech: Thom Faulkner, Albert Hussian, Dann Wilkens

LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

We affirm that God is neither male or nor female – but wholly and holy other. In doing so, we seek to empower each person to participate fully in worship, able to identify with the lyrics of songs and the words of our communal prayers through using gender inclusive language

O Lord How Shall I Meet You

*Author: Paul Gerhardt (1653) in German
Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863, alt.)
Glory To God #104*

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

2 Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

3 You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation.

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

*Basque carol | Basque Title : Birjina gaztettobat zegoen
The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal#16*

1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

2 "For know a blessed mother you shall be,
All generations praise continually,
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

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3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleases God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming

*TES IST EIN Rune: OS German, 15th cent.
Glory to God #129*

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

3 This flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.

No Wind At The Window

*Author: John L. Bell (1992) | © 1992 WGRG, Iona Community
Glory to God #101*

1, No wind at the window, no knock on the door
No light from the lamp stand, no foot on the floor
No dream born of tiredness, no ghost raised by fear
Just an angel and a woman and a voice in her ear

2, Oh, Mary, Oh, Mary don't hide from my face
Be glad that you're favored and filled with God's grace
The time for redeeming the world has begun
And you are requested to mother God's son

3, This child must be born that the Kingdom might
come
Salvation for many, destruction for some
Both end and beginning, both message and sign
Both victor and victim, both yours and divine

4. No payment was promised, no promises made
No wedding was dated, no blue print displayed
Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess
Replied with conviction, "tell God I say yes." While we
are waiting come

3. Come Savior quickly come
Come Savior quickly come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

Come Now O Prince of Peace

*Geonyong Lee, 1988 | Glory to God #103
Originally created for a 1988 word conference
for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula.*

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.